



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-75
Date: August 14, 2020

Subject:

Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) Blue Box Lid and Litter Audit Pilot Project

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides a summary of a pilot project that the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) will conduct to test the effectiveness of the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) recently developed blue box lid at reducing blue box litter, improving blue box material quality, and assessing the lid's impact on collection operations.

2. Background

2.1 The CIF is a partnership between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the City of Toronto (Toronto), Stewardship Ontario (SO) and the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA). CIF's mandate is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Ontario's Blue Box program and help municipalities implement best practices to improve their programs.

2.2 In 2019, the Region developed a recycled rubber blue box lid, manufactured from recycled tires, to help control blue box litter. A 2019 pilot project tested resident feedback and the lid's impact on reducing the number of overflowing blue boxes, which is a major source of blue box litter. The results of this pilot were reported to Regional Council in Report #2019-WR-8 (Attachment #2).

3. Discussion

- 3.1 Interest from CIF and other Ontario municipalities in the Region's new blue box lid led to the CIF's request to undertake further analysis.
- 3.2 The Region will host a CIF funded pilot project, entitled *CIF Project 1117: Blue Box Litter Auditing and Lid Testing* which will run over an 8-month period beginning Fall 2020 in ten designated neighbourhoods in the Region that provide a general representation of Ontario municipalities.
- 3.3 Working with the Region, CIF will track approximately 1,000 curbside set outs (ten collection areas with 100 households in each area as illustrated in Attachment #1) to quantify the impacts of the blue box lids on:
 - a. reducing blue box litter;
 - b. keeping recyclables dry; and,
 - c. the municipal collection operations.
- 3.4 Moisture levels in the blue box materials will be monitored because rain and snow impact their marketability, particularly paper products and packaging materials.
- 3.5 Regional staff will provide in-kind support to CIF to educate residents about the lids use and survey their acceptance of the blue box lid.
- 3.6 A final report to the Region by CIF is anticipated in Summer 2021.

4. Blue Box Lid Roll-out Update

- 4.1 Regional staff has finalized the technical development of the blue box lid and is developing a plan to make the lids available to the Region's residents in 2021. Council directed staff to secure sponsorship for advertising on the lid that would reduce or eliminate the costs for providing the lids to residents. A tender to secure an advertiser to support the blue box lid is being finalized. Staff will report back to Council on the results of the tender, the pilot project and the plan for the roll-out of the lid.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 An eight-month project funded and operated by the Continuous Improvement Fund, in partnership with the Regional Municipality of Region, will measure the ability of the Regional Municipality of Durham's new recycled rubber blue box lid to reduce blue box litter, its impact on the marketability of blue box materials, and its acceptance both from a resident user focus and its impact on operational collection efficiencies.
- 5.2 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: A Map of the pilot project test neighbourhoods

Attachment #2: [Works Committee Report #2019-WR-8](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works

Continuous Improvement Fund Blue Box Lid and Litter Audit Pilot Project Areas

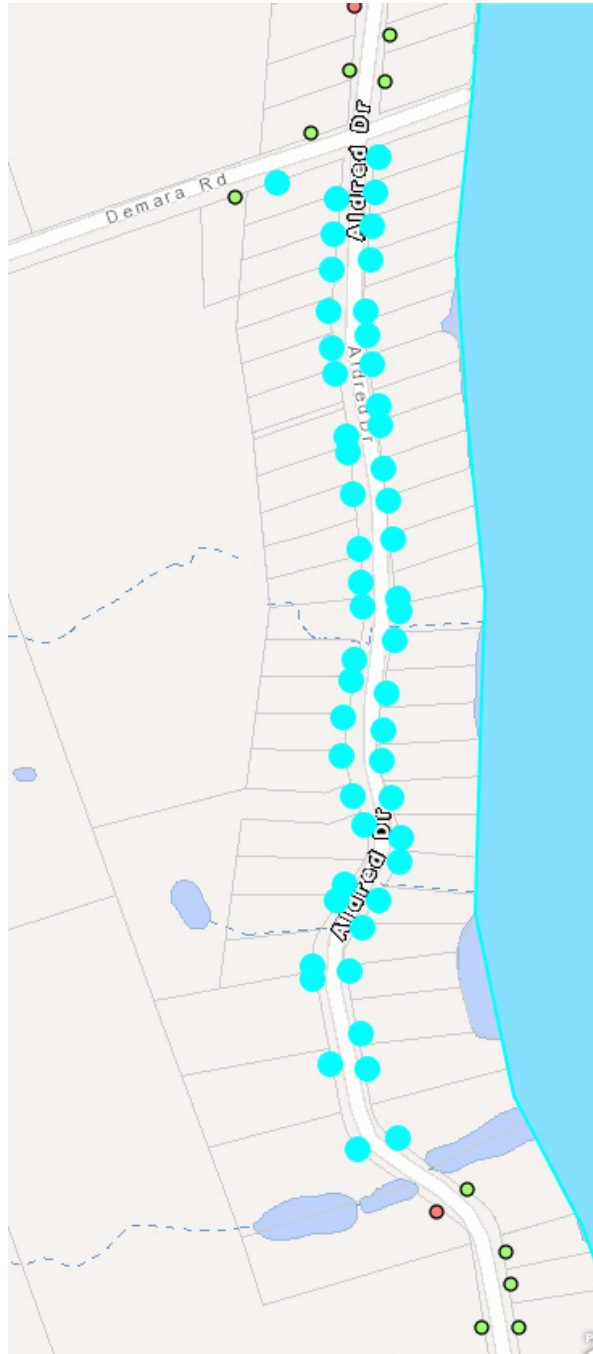
Municipality	Area	House Count	Street Names
Township of Scugog	1	49	Aldred Drive
Municipality of Clarington	2	59	Old Scugog Road
City of Oshawa	3	119	Oshawa Boulevard South, Gliddon Avenue; Eulalie Avenue
City of Oshawa	4	145	Cayuga Avenue; Oneida Court; Iroquois Avenue; Seneca Avenue
Town of Ajax	5	191	Epps Crescent; Fletcher Avenue; Perfitt Crescent; Hibbard Drive
Town of Whitby	6	115	Gilbert Street West; Maria Street; Newman Crescent
City of Pickering	7	106	Douglas Avenue; Fairview Avenue
Town of Whitby	8	122	Mathewson Place; Watford Street; Rosemarie Crescent
Town of Ajax	9	61	Burtonbury Lane, Reevesmere Lane
Town of Whitby	10	31	Carnwith Drive East

Area 1 – Rural

Township of Scugog, Port Perry

Aldred Drive

49 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

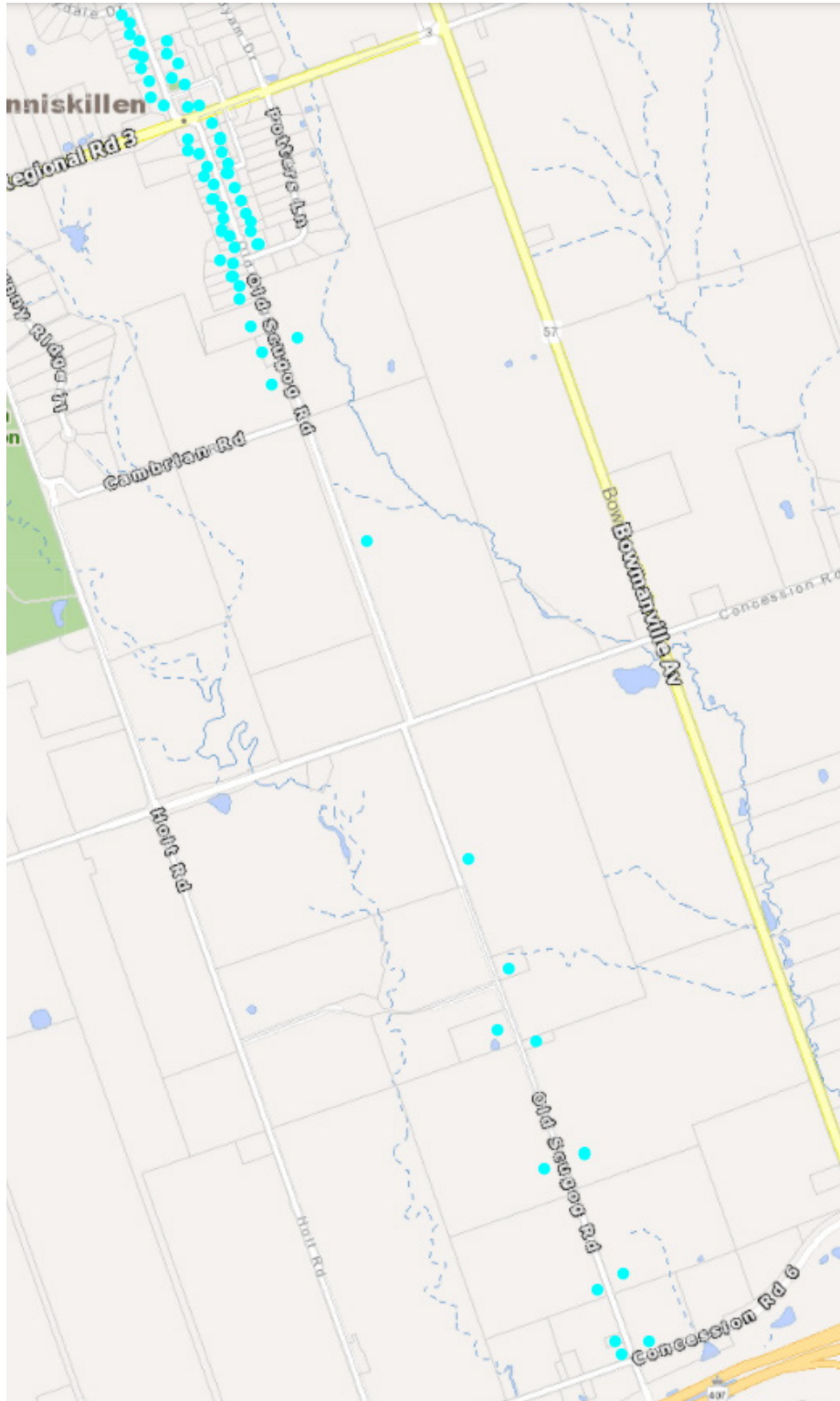


Area 2 – Rural

Municipality of Clarington

Old Scugog Road

59 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

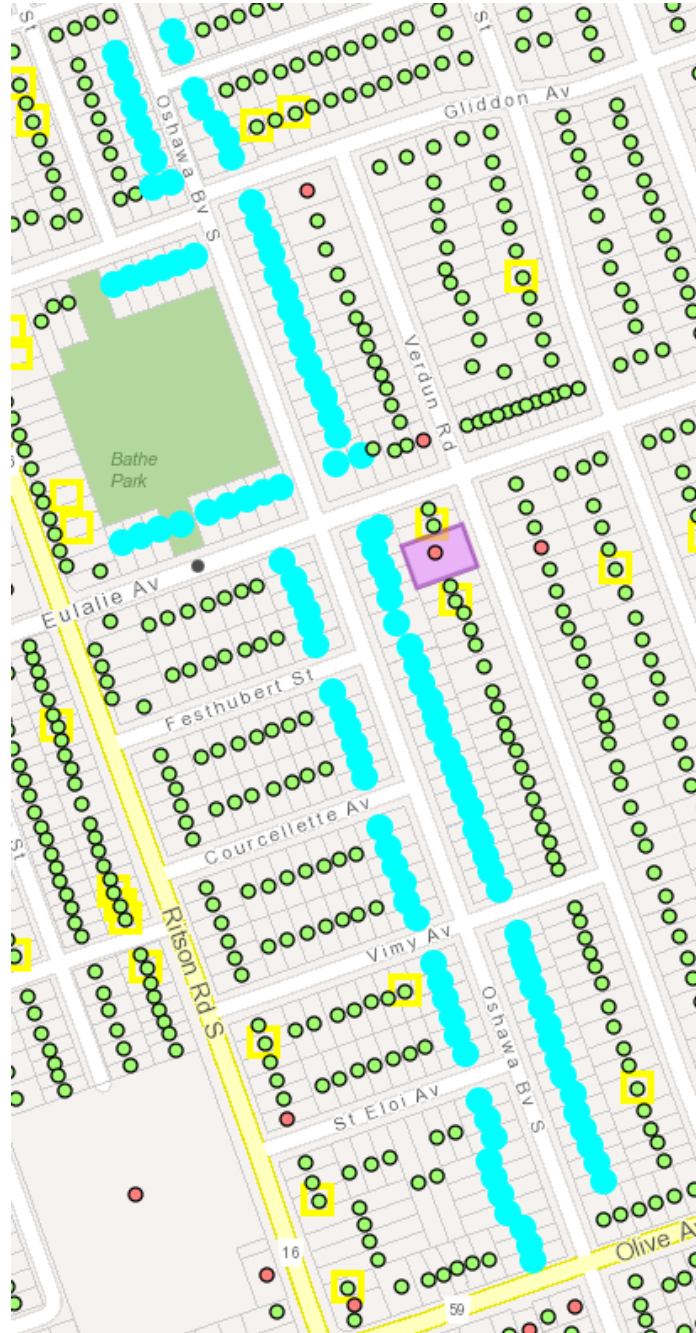


Area 3 – Suburban

City of Oshawa

Oshawa Boulevard South, Gliddon Avenue, Eulalie Avenue

119 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

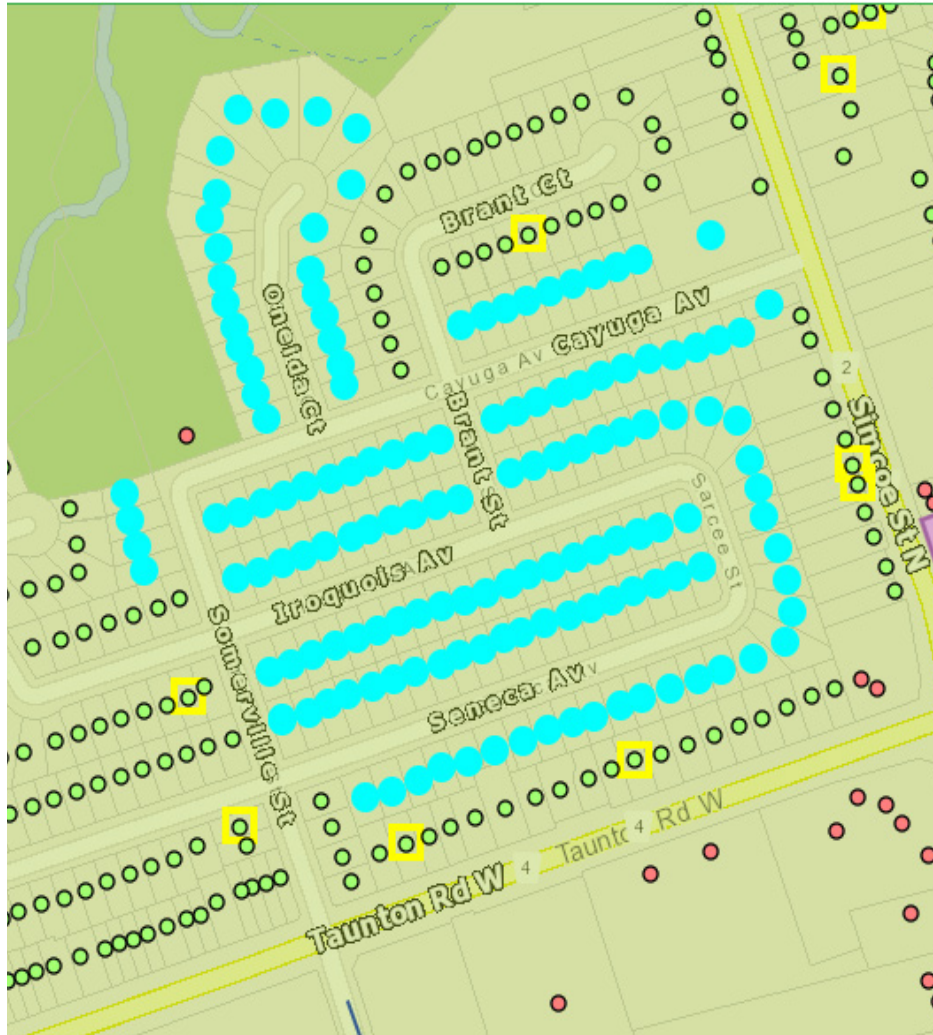


Area 4 – Suburban

City of Oshawa

Cayuga Avenue, Oneida Court, Iroquois Avenue, and Seneca Avenue

145 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

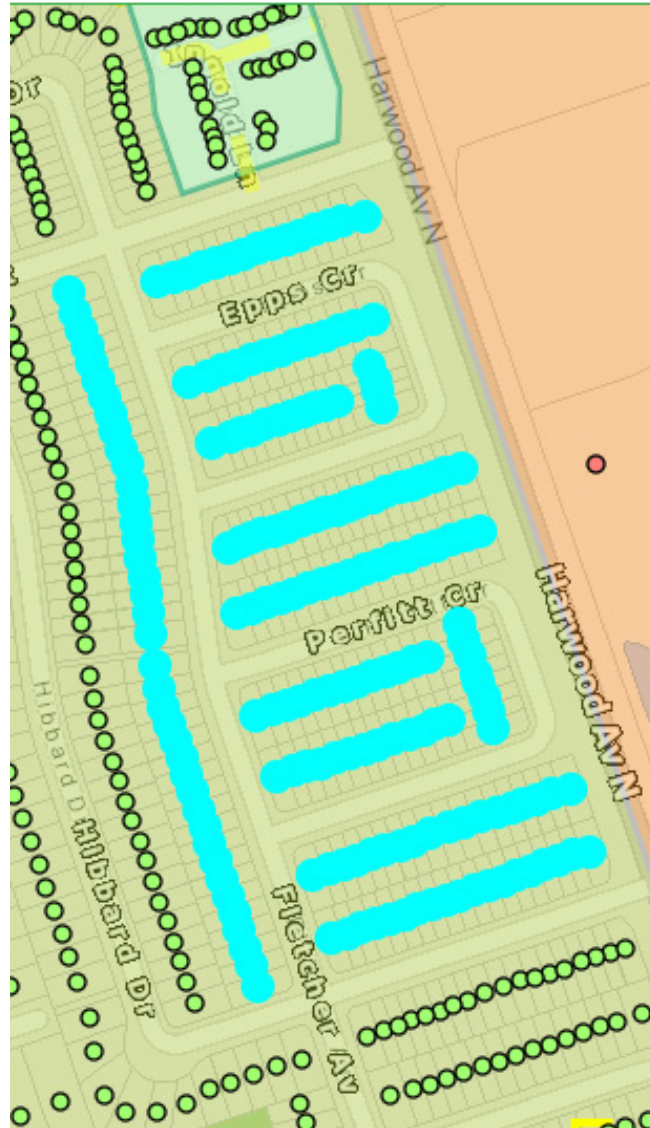


Area 5 – Suburban

Town of Ajax

Epps Crescent, Fletcher Avenue, Perfit Crescent, and Hibbard Drive

191 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

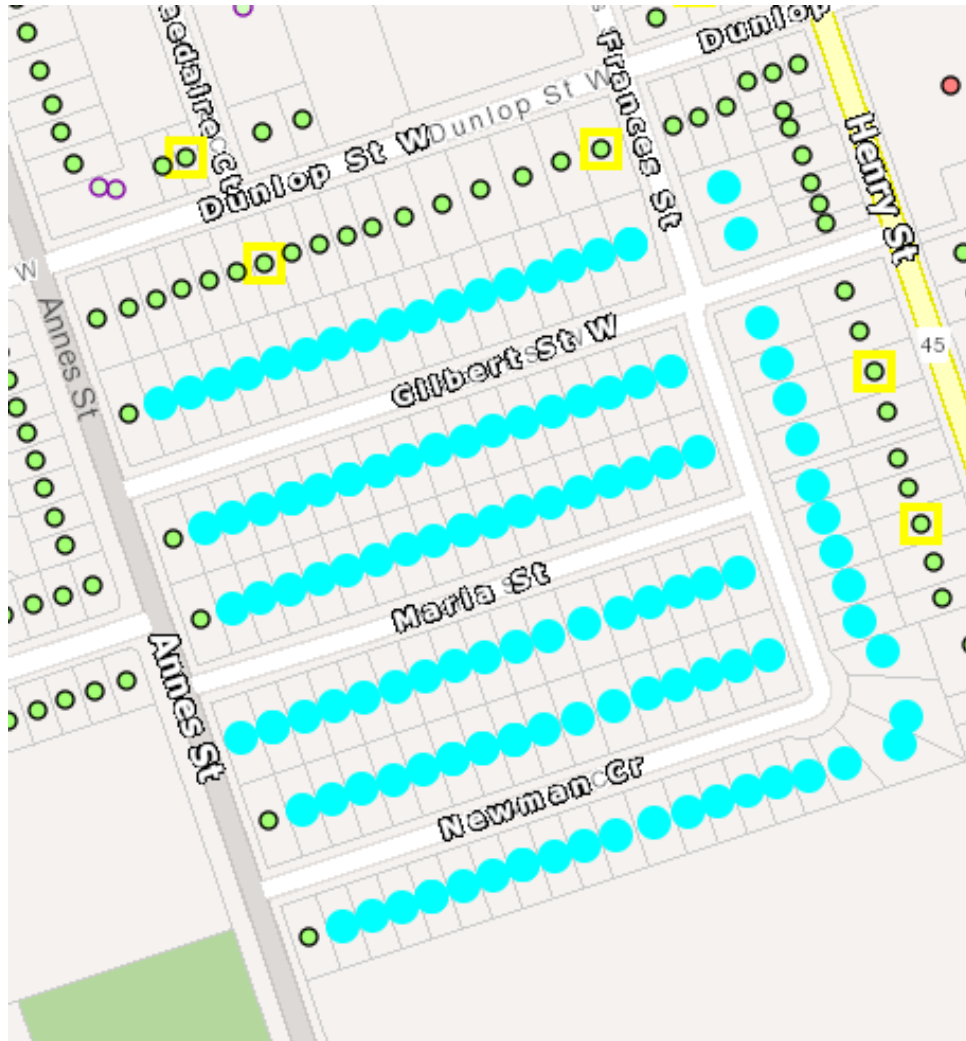


Area 6 – Urban

Town of Whitby

Gilbert Street West, Maria Street, Newman Crescent

115 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)



Area 7 – Urban

City of Pickering

Douglas Avenue, Fairview Avenue

106 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

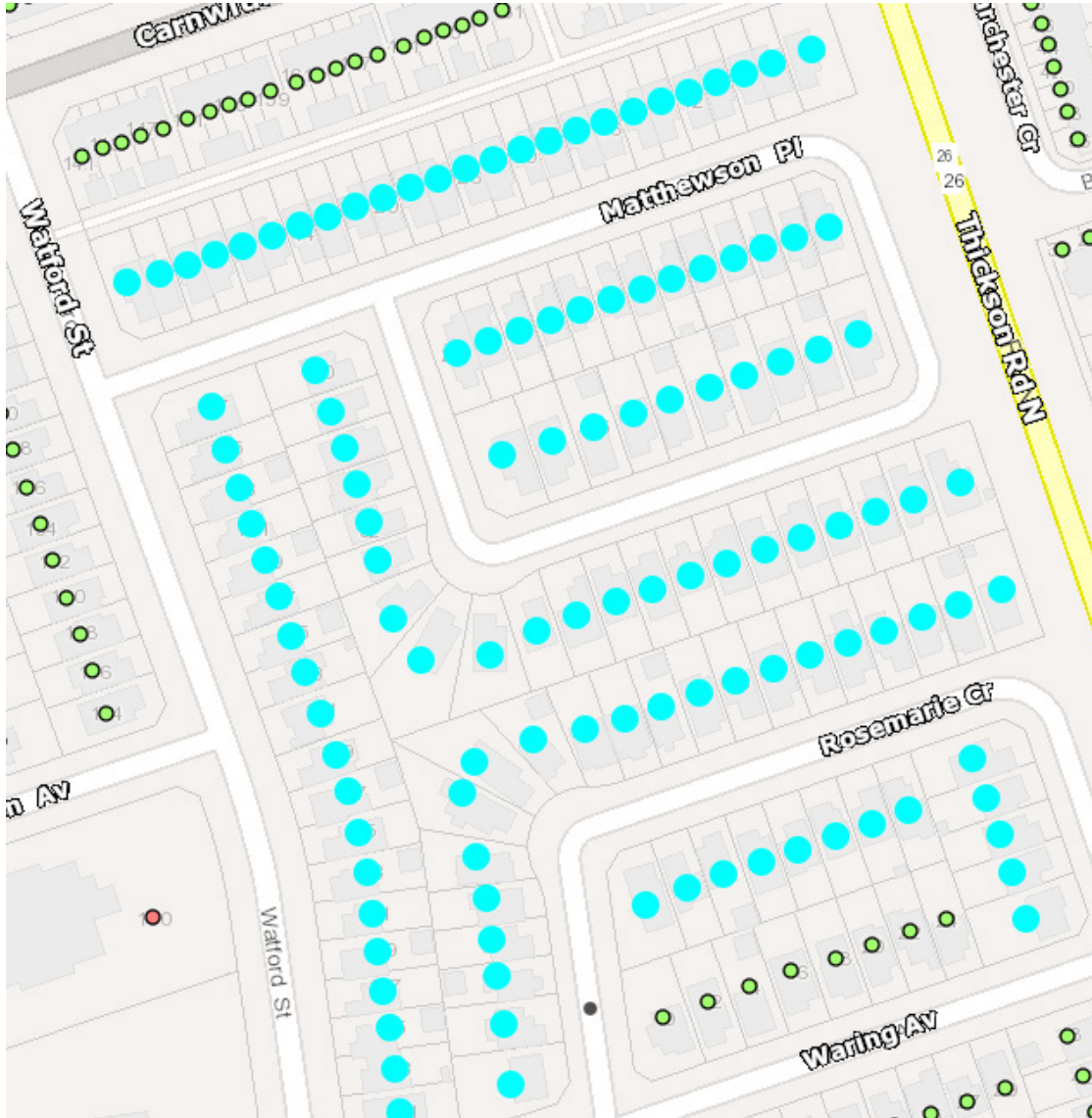


Area 8 – Urban

Town of Whitby

Mathewson Place, Rosemarie Crescent, Watford Street

122 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

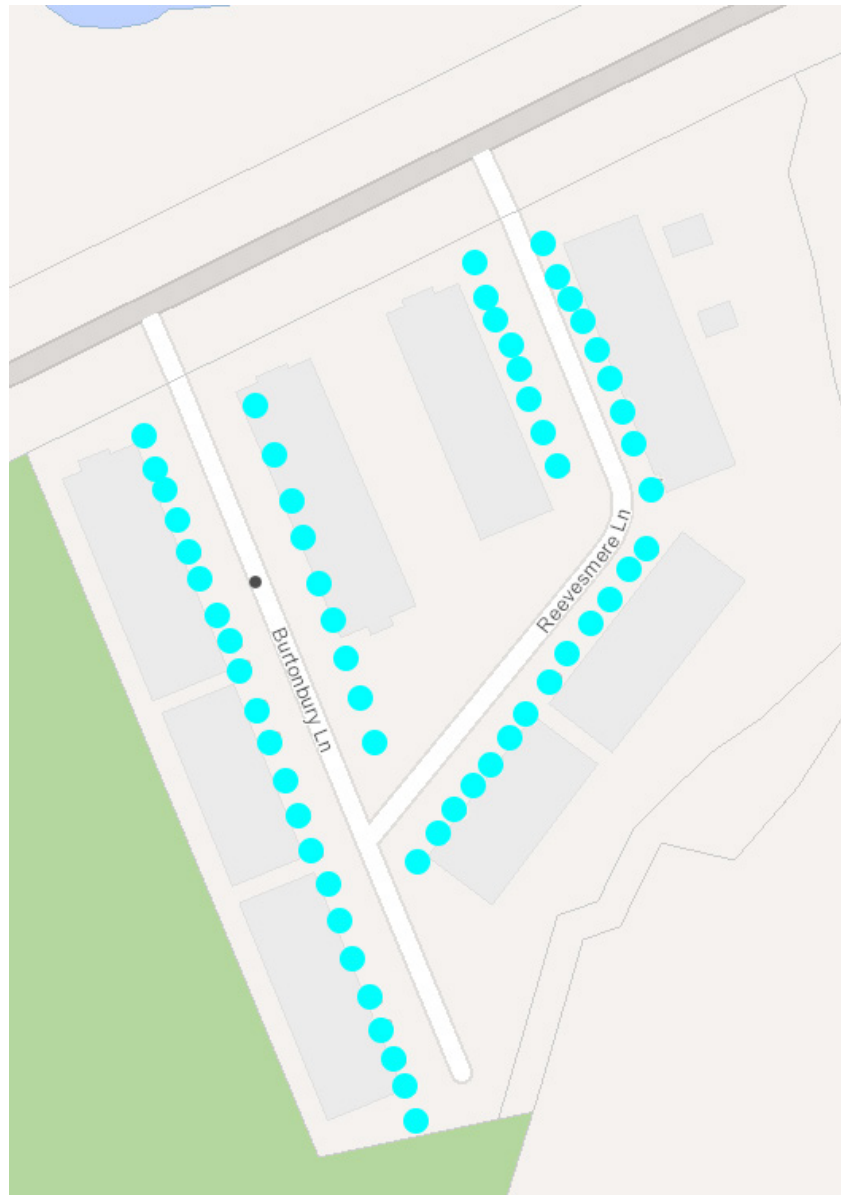


Area 9 – Urban

Town of Ajax

Burtonbury Lane, Reevesmere Lane

61 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)

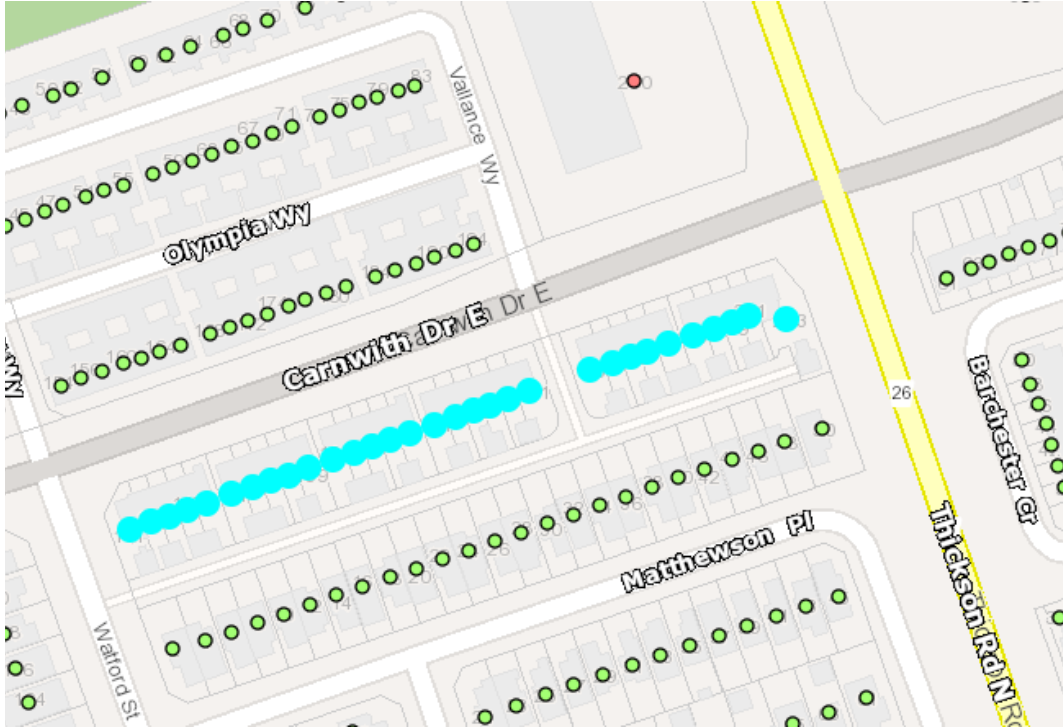


Area 10 – Urban / Suburban

Town of Whitby

Carnwith Drive East

31 residences (locations identified with blue dots in maps below)



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-76
Date: August 14, 2020

Subject:

The Regional Municipality of Durham's Evolving Integrated Waste Management System

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to describe the current Integrated Waste Management System (IWMS) in place for the Regional Municipality of Durham's residents and provide an overview of how this system will evolve to achieve higher diversion rates, recover resources and contribute to reducing green house gas emissions.

2. Background

2.1 The Region has been developing its IWMS for over a decade, evolving from collecting only garbage and Blue Box materials to also collecting Green Bin organics, leaf and yard waste, electronics, tires, household hazardous waste, porcelain and bulky goods. The goal has been to maximize the diversion of waste materials from disposal.

2.2 Under the current IWMS many materials are collected at the curb. Blue Box materials and Green Bin organics are collected weekly while garbage is collected every other week. Leaf and yard waste is collected seasonally from April to December. Larger items such as scrap metal, electronics and non recyclable bulky

goods are collected on request. Household batteries are collected twice per year in a special collection.

- 2.3 The Region maintains three Waste Management Facilities for public drop-off of household hazardous waste, tires, electronics, leaf and yard waste, garbage and bulky items. There are two additional drop-off locations for household hazardous waste only.
- 2.4 Collected Blue Box material is transported to the Region's Material Recovery Facility where it is sorted, baled and shipped to other facilities for recycling. Green Bin organics are aerobically composted at a privately-owned and operated compost facility. Leaf and Yard material are also aerobically composted. Garbage is transported to the Durham York Energy Center (DYEC) where it is incinerated and electricity is generated.
- 2.5 Materials such as tires, electronics and household hazardous waste are received at the Waste Management Facilities where they are being picked up by service providers for recycling or disposal.

3. Future Integrated Waste Management System

- 3.1 The 2021-2040 Long-Term Waste Management Plan and Five-year Action Plan is currently under development and will guide the Region's IWMS for the coming years. Based on approved projects and coming regulatory requirements, the Region's IWMS will be very different by 2026 as illustrated in Attachment #1.
- 3.2 When the approved mixed waste pre-sort and anaerobic digestion facility is operational, the Region's garbage will be delivered to the new facilities after collection at the curb instead of going directly to the DYEC.
- 3.3 At the mixed waste pre-sort facility metals, plastics and food waste will be removed from the garbage for recycling or anaerobic digestion. Non-combustible material will also be removed from the garbage for disposal. The mixed waste pre-sort will significantly increase the diversion of food waste from residential garbage and minimize the quantity of non-combustible and other unacceptable materials that currently go to the DYEC.
- 3.4 There will be opportunities with the anaerobic digestion facility to preclude the need for compostable bags and introduce new items into the green bin such as diapers and pet waste. An enhanced list of acceptable materials, along with a re-

launch of the Green Bin to residents, will help maximize diversion and increase participation rates.

Tonnes of Residential Waste Managed



- 3.5 With the completion of the anaerobic digestion facility, the Region’s Green Bin organics will no longer be aerobically composted. Instead, the organics will be digested without oxygen to generate a biogas and digestate. The digestate can be turned into a compost material along with the collected leaf and yard waste. The biogas that is produced will supplement fossil fuel in the natural gas grid.
- 3.6 By 2026, the producers (or companies) that produce packaging, paper and paper-like products will take over the Blue Box collection system through the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program. It is proposed that the producers will be responsible for Blue Box collection of single-family homes, most multi-residential buildings, and by request, schools and Long-Term Care Homes.
- 3.7 Under EPR the producers will also prepare the material for recycling and be responsible for identifying recycling operations to accept the material. The Region will no longer be responsible for the collection and processing of Blue Box materials.
- 3.8 Other recyclable materials are also moving to the EPR approach but with a less noticeable impact to residents. Tires, household hazardous waste, electronics and batteries are all transitioning to a new EPR system however, the current collection options for these materials will remain at the Waste Management Facilities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Regional Municipality of Durham's Integrated Waste Management System is evolving to continue to meet the needs of the Region's growing population and regulatory requirements.
- 4.2 The 2021 to 2040 Long-Term Waste Management Plan and 5-Year Action Plan is under development and is considering the Region's current and future IWMS, growing population and regulatory requirements. Consultation is underway with information available on the project's [webpage](#).
- 4.3 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: The Regional Municipality of Durham's Integrated Waste Management System's Timeline

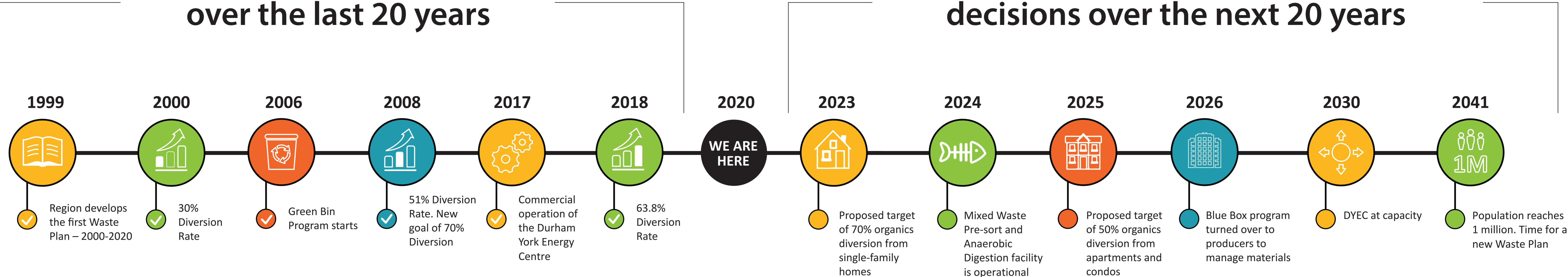
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What we have accomplished over the last 20 years

What will impact our waste management decisions over the next 20 years





The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2020-INFO-77
Date: August 14, 2020

Subject:

Economic Update – Summary of Economic Activity, July 23rd – August 12th, 2020

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Regional Finance Department monitors economic conditions on an ongoing basis and prepares periodic summary reports to Regional Council. The economy is undergoing a time of significant uncertainty with economic conditions and policies changing on a daily basis. The following summarizes significant changes that have occurred over the period of July 23 – August 12, 2020.

2. Federal Government

2.1 On July 31, the federal government announced that the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will begin to be phased out when the eligibility period for first cohort of applicants expires at the end of August. Those that continue to require benefits will be transferred into Canada's Employment Insurance (EI) system. Those currently receiving CERB, but do not immediately qualify for EI, will be eligible for a new transitional benefit. Details on the new transitional benefit will be provided in the coming weeks.

2.2 According to federal government statistics, a total number of 8.46 million unique applications have been filed for the CERB. Ontario has accounted for over 3.3 million unique applications and the program has paid out \$62.75 billion in benefits across Canada.

2.3 In order to provide additional supports to individuals and businesses experiencing financial hardship resulting from the pandemic, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is extending the 2019 income tax return payment due date from September

1 to September 30, 2020. The CRA is waiving interest payments on existing tax debts from April 1 to September 30, 2020. Interest will also be waived on goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) returns from April 1 to June 30, 2020.

- 2.4 As the federal government continues to shift its focus toward economic recovery, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities announced that a new COVID-19 Resilience funding stream will be added to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). Provinces and territories are eligible to transfer up to 10 per cent of their initial ICIP allocation toward this new stream, which would equate to nearly \$1.2 billion for Ontario. The new stream includes an 80 per cent federal cost share and can be used for various projects, with eligible costs under \$10 million, including COVID-19 response infrastructure (e.g. physical distancing supports), active transportation infrastructure, and retrofits to provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous buildings.
- 2.5 In support of the agricultural sector, the federal government announced a \$58.6 million investment to strengthen the temporary foreign worker program and reduce the incidence of COVID-19 outbreaks on farms. The investment includes \$6 million for direct outreach through migrant worker support organizations, \$16.2 million to strengthen employer inspections, and \$35 million for direct health and safety measures, such as personal protective equipment and infrastructure improvements to living quarters.
- 2.6 In response to the August 6 announcement by the United States government on the re-imposition of a 10 per cent tariff, beginning August 16, on Canadian aluminum, the Canadian government announced its intention to impose \$3.6 billion of retaliatory tariffs on American products. The Canadian government will be consulting with Canadian industry leaders, over the next 30 days, to determine which American products will be subject to the new tariffs.

3. Ontario Government

- 3.1 On July 30, the provincial government announced a plan for elementary school students to attend in-class instruction, five-days per week, beginning in September. The plan will also involve most secondary students utilizing a hybrid model of both in-class instruction and online learning. The province announced over \$300 million to support school boards with the implementation of the plan. The investment includes:
- \$60 million in procurement of medical and cloth masks for students and staff;
 - \$30 million for teacher staffing to support supervision, keeping classes small and other safety related measures;
 - \$50 million to hire up to 500 additional school-focused public health nurses;

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- \$115 million to hire 900 more custodial staff and increase school bus cleaning; and
 - \$30 million in support for mental health, special needs students, and health and safety training for occasional teachers.
- 3.2 The provincial government also announced, on July 23, a \$500 million investment toward the construction and expansion of Ontario's public elementary and secondary schools. The funding will support the construction of 30 new schools across the province, as well as additions to 15 facilities and the creation of 900 new licensed childcare spaces.
- 3.3 The projects receiving funding under the \$500 million investment include a new Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School in Oshawa, and the new Pickering Creekwood Public School, which will have the capacity for 73 childcare spaces. The investment will also be used to fund additions to the existing Mary Street Community School in Oshawa.
- 3.4 As the pandemic has led many institutions to adopt strategies around working remotely, the provincial government has announced an increased investment in virtual healthcare. The provincial government announced an investment of \$25.25 million to support the 29 approved Ontario Health Teams, of which \$9.5 million will be dedicated to virtual care. The remaining \$15.75 million will be divided among the various Health Teams, with each team receiving \$375,000 toward expanding digital care and adapting to the new Ontario Health Team model
- 3.5 In support of seniors, the provincial government announced a commitment to build a new 320 bed long-term care home at the Lakeridge hospital site in Ajax by 2021. The project is part of the provincial government's Accelerated Build Pilot Program, which uses modular construction, rapid procurement, and the use of hospital lands to expedite the construction of long-term care beds. Lakeridge Health will work with Infrastructure Ontario to oversee the day-to-day construction activity.
- 3.6 The provincial government also announced an over \$2.6 million investment in the expansion of Parkview Seniors Lodge in Clarington. The expansion will create 37 new housing units for seniors, including 30 designated as affordable housing units. The investment is part of the joint federal-provincial Social Infrastructure Fund, which provides funding for affordable housing projects across Ontario.
- 3.7 In support of business, the provincial government announced that another \$110,000, from the Ontario Together Fund, will be distributed to the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB). The funds will be used to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the Indigenous business community, as well as to support programming and online resource development.

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- 3.8 As Ontario experiences record levels of unemployment, the provincial government is providing Durham College employment services with over \$8.9 million to provide Employment Ontario programming. The funding includes over \$380,000 toward youth employment services, \$1.6 million toward literacy and basic skills programs, and \$4.1 million for in-class apprenticeship training.
- 3.9 In order to support community safety, the provincial government announced a new \$6 million Ontario CCTV Grant to help local police services enhance public safety through the purchase and installation of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras. Police services are able to apply for funding, which will be distributed over a three-year period and cover 50 per cent of eligible project costs.
- 3.10 On July 29, the Ontario government announced the City of Toronto and Peel Region will be able to advance to Stage 3 of the provincial reopening plan on Friday, July 31. On August 10, the government announced that Windsor-Essex will also be able to advance to Stage 3 on August 12.

4. Ontario 2020-21 First Quarter Finances

- 4.1 On August 12, the provincial government released a report on its first quarter finances for fiscal year 2020-21. The report provided an update to the provincial fiscal and economic projections for the current fiscal year. According to the report, the provincial government is now forecasting a \$38.5 billion deficit in 2020-21, which is an increase from the \$20.5 billion deficit forecasted in March.
- 4.2 The government is projecting revenues of \$150.6 billion in fiscal year 2020-21, down from the \$156.3 billion forecasted in March. Expenses are now expected to total \$186.6 billion, which is higher than the \$174.2 billion forecasted in March. Net debt is expected to increase from the \$355.2 billion forecasted in March to \$397.2 billion. This would increase the net debt to GDP ratio from 39.9 per cent to 47.1 per cent.
- 4.3 The provincial government also updated its estimated spending on COVID-19 related measures. In March, the province released *Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19*, which included \$17 billion in COVID-19 related supports. Since the release of this plan, the provincial government has added new measures, including a one-time \$4.3 billion top up to the COVID-19 Health Contingency Fund and \$4 billion in partnership funding as part of the Federal Safe Restart Agreement. The provincial government now projects COVID-19 response funding to total \$30 billion.
- 4.4 In terms of the economy, the provincial government is forecasting provincial GDP to contract by 6.7 per cent in 2020, which would be the largest GDP contraction on record. This new forecasted contraction is significantly worse than the zero per cent growth estimated in March. The government is now projecting household consumption to decrease by 6 per cent in 2020, down from the 2.4 per cent increase forecasted in March, and net operating surpluses for corporations to decline 14.1 per cent, compared to the 2.4 per cent decrease forecasted in March.

5. Canadian Economy

- 5.1 The Canadian economy is continuing to see a gradual resumption of activity as the country emerges from the lockdowns associated with the pandemic. According to Statistics Canada, monthly industrial GDP increased 4.5 per cent in May, after a falling 7.5 per cent in March and 11.6 per cent in April. Despite the modest gain, industrial GDP in May remained 14.7 per cent below the pre-pandemic February level.
- 5.2 Economic activity expanded in nearly all industries in May, with production in goods-producing industries increasing 8 per cent and production in service-producing industries expanding 3.4 per cent. The construction industry expanded 17.6 per cent, between April and May, with a 20.4 per cent increase in residential construction output. As bars and restaurants begin to reopen in certain parts of the country, the food services and drinking places industry saw a 35.1 per cent monthly increase in economic output.
- 5.3 Canadian economic activity is also expanding internationally as the dollar value of Canadian merchandise exports increased 17.1 per cent in June. The Canadian dollar value of international merchandise imports also rose 21.8 per cent in June, which increased Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the rest of the world from \$1.3 billion in May to \$3.2 billion in June. Despite the monthly increase in international trade, the dollar value of Canadian merchandise exports and imports remain 17.9 and 14.3 per cent below February levels.
- 5.4 In terms of international trade in services, the dollar value of Canadian exports increased 4.1 per cent in June, while the dollar value of international imports of services increased 17 per cent. The large increase in imports relative to exports caused Canada's services trade balance with the rest of the world to fall from a \$232 million surplus in May to a \$727 million deficit in June.
- 5.5 Canada also experienced a large increase in merchandise trade with the United States, Canada's largest trading partner. The Canadian dollar value of merchandise exports to the U.S. increased 21.8 per cent in June, while the dollar value of American imports into Canada increased 28 per cent. Although the growth of imports outpaced the growth in exports, Canada maintains a nearly \$1.1 billion merchandise trade surplus with the U.S.
- 5.6 Development activity continued to expand in June with the total dollar value of building permits issued by municipalities across the country increasing 6.2 per cent from May. The dollar value of residential permits increased 7 per cent, while the value of non-residential permits increased 4.6 per cent. The total value of all building permits issued throughout Canada have increased 29 per cent since the low in April.
- 5.7 According to Statistics Canada, the total value of building permits issued by Ontario municipalities declined by 7.3 per cent from May to June, with the value of residential permits falling 1.1 per cent and non-residential falling 17.8 per cent.

Despite the fall, the value of single-dwelling residential permits increased 7.2 per cent in June.

- 5.8 In the Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), Statistics Canada reported a 132 per cent increase in the value of building permits from May to June. This follows a 26 per cent decrease from April to May. In June, the value of residential permits increased 18.4 per cent, due to a 136.5 per cent increase in the value of multi-dwelling building permits. The value of non-residential permits increased 1,698.7 per cent month-over-month in June, or 163.4 per cent year-over-year. The value of commercial permits increased 3,607.6 per cent month-over-month in June, or 243 per cent year-over-year.
- 5.9 As the dollar value of building permits increases locally, so to does the pace of housing sales and price growth. According to the Toronto Region Real Estate Board (TRREB), existing home sales across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) increased 28.9 per cent year-over-year in July. In Durham Region, existing home sales in July increased 52.1 per cent year-over-year. The average resale price in the GTA increased 17.0 per cent, year-over-year, to \$943,710, while the average resale price in Durham Region increased 17.3 per cent to \$709,640.
- 5.10 As demand for real estate remains strong, the number of housing starts across Ontario continues to rise. According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the number of housing starts in July increased 8.4 per cent at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. However, in the Oshawa CMA, housing starts decreased by a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.5 per cent from June to July.

6. Canadian Labour Market

- 6.1 According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for July, the Canadian labour market continued its recovery with the number of employed persons increasing by another 419,000, or 2.4 per cent, in July. This increase in employment, when combined with the 953,000 gain in June and the 290,000 gain in May, leaves Canadian employment levels down only 7 per cent from the pre-pandemic February levels.
- 6.2 The rise in employment pushed the employment rate to 57.3 per cent, which is down 4.5 percentage points from the 61.8 per cent observed in February. The labour force participation rate also increased to 64.3 per cent, which is down only 1.2 percentage points from the 65.5 per cent in February.
- 6.3 The labour force participation rate continues to rise as the number of people searching for work increases. The number of job searchers in July increased 7.1 per cent from June, bringing the total increase since the economic shutdown in March to 66.6 per cent. The number of discouraged workers, or those who wanted work but did not look for work because they believed no work was available, increased slightly in July (+2.2 per cent) but remains down 32.5 per cent from the high in May.

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- 6.4 The number of people on temporary layoff declined 45.5 per cent in July, meaning nearly half of the people on temporary layoff in June returned to work in July. This helped lower the unemployment rate from 12.3 per cent in June to 10.9 per cent in July. The unemployment rate remains significantly higher than the pre-pandemic level of 5.6 per cent in February.
- 6.5 The labour market in Ontario is continuing its recovery from June, with employment increasing 2.2 per cent in July. The majority of the gains were seen in part-time employment, which increased 12.8 per cent, in comparison to full-time employment, which grew only 0.1 per cent. The employment rate (56.2 per cent) and the labour force participation rate (63.4 per cent) both increased in July, while the unemployment rate dropped another 0.9 percentage points to 11.3 per cent.
- 6.6 In the Oshawa CMA, the three-month moving average unemployment rate increased from 11.8 per cent in June to 12.4 per cent in July. The three-month moving average employment rate increased from 55.7 to 56.6 per cent, while the three-month moving average labour force participation rate increased from 63.1 to 64.6 per cent.

7. United States Economy

- 7.1 On July 30, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis released preliminary second quarter GDP estimates for 2020. According to the estimates, the U.S economy contracted 9.5 per cent over the second quarter, or 32.9 per cent annualized. This represents the largest quarterly decline in economic activity ever recorded in the United States. In comparison, the largest quarterly GDP decline during the financial crisis of 2008-09 was an 8.4 per cent annualized decline in the fourth quarter of 2008.
- 7.2 During the second quarter of 2020, the U.S. experienced declines in nearly every category that contributes to economic growth. Personal consumption expenditures, which is the largest contributor to economic activity, declined by US\$1.3 trillion, or 34.6 per cent annualized. Gross business investment fell 49 per cent, exports fell 64.1 per cent, and imports fell 53.4 per cent. As a result of the federal government's fiscal stimulus spending, federal non-defense expenditures increased 39.7 per cent.
- 7.3 Although there was a major contraction in economic activity over the second quarter of 2020 in the U.S., recent economic reports indicate a recovery is underway. After increasing 8.4 per cent in May, real personal consumption expenditures increased another 5.2 per cent in June. As of June, real personal consumption expenditures on goods have increased 20.7 per cent from April, while real personal consumption expenditures on services have increased 10.9 per cent.
- 7.4 The U.S. is also seeing an increase in international demand for its manufactured goods. The U.S. dollar value of merchandise exports increased 13.9 per cent, from May to June, while the dollar value of merchandise imports increased 4.8 per

cent. The sharp increase in exports helped reduce the international trade deficit from US\$75.3 billion in May to US\$70.6 billion in June.

- 7.5 In further support of economic recovery, the U.S. Federal Reserve, on July 29, announced its decision to maintain its key Federal Funds interest rate target between 0 and 0.25 per cent. The Federal Reserve “expects to maintain this target range until it is confident that the economy has weathered recent events and is on track to achieve its maximum employment and price stability goals”. In addition, the Federal Reserve will maintain its current bond buying and lending programs as part of its monetary policy response to the pandemic.

8. Global Economy

- 8.1 On July 30, Germany provided an early estimate on second quarter GDP for 2020. According to the initial estimate of the Federal Statistical Office of Germany, the German economy contracted 10.1 per cent over the quarter. This would represent the largest quarterly decline since quarterly GDP statistics became available in 1970. This would also be much larger than the 4.7 per cent contraction experienced during the height of the financial crisis in the first quarter of 2009. The detailed figures for the second quarter of 2020 will be released on August 25.
- 8.2 According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, GDP for the entire European Union declined 11.9 per cent, quarter-over-quarter, during the second quarter of 2020. This represents the sharpest decline since data collection began in 1995. Many European countries experienced double-digit declines, including France (-13.8 per cent), Italy (-12.4 per cent), Spain (-18.5 per cent), and Portugal (-14.1 per cent). Although not in the European Union, the United Kingdom also posted one of its worst economic contractions in history, with second quarter GDP declining 20.4 per cent from the first quarter.
- 8.3 While the pandemic has caused significant economic contraction across Europe, containment measures are also impacting the African economy. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), GDP across Sub-Saharan Africa is expected to decline 3.2 per cent in 2020. The IMF is estimating that the region’s second quarter GDP contracted 10.9 per cent in comparison to the first quarter, marking the worst quarterly contraction on record.
- 8.4 In an effort to soften the economic impact of the virus across Africa, many African nations have introduced fiscal stimulus packages. According to the IMF, fiscal packages have averaged approximately 3 per cent of GDP across Sub-Saharan Africa. However, these fiscal stimulus measures have increased already elevated debt levels and are expected to increase the average debt-to GDP ratio for the region to 64.8 per cent.
- 8.5 Many Latin American economies are also experiencing significant economic declines. In Mexico, Latin America’s second largest economy, GDP declined 17.3 per cent, quarter-over-quarter, during the second quarter of 2020. As this is the

largest drop ever recorded, the Bank of Mexico now predicts annual GDP to decline between 8.5 and 10.5 per cent in 2020.

9. Economic Bright Spots

- 9.1 Although the global economy is facing extreme challenges associated with the pandemic, a number of positive developments are occurring that offer a brief distraction from the economic uncertainty.
- 9.2 As the pandemic has forced consumers to adjust spending habits, the U.S. has seen a resurgence in the demand for pizza. Domino's Pizza reported a 16.1 per cent increase in U.S. same store sales over the last quarter, while Papa John's is estimating a 28 per cent increase in North American same store sales. Papa John's also announced they will be looking to hire 10,000 more workers to meet the surging pizza demand.
- 9.3 As part of its response to the global health crisis, Citigroup Inc, one of the world's largest investment banks, announced a new five-year 2025 Sustainable Progress Strategy. This strategy sets out a goal to finance and facilitate \$250 billion in sustainable, low-carbon activities, such as green buildings, sustainable transportation, and renewable energy. Citigroup is also joining the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials, a global framework for financial institutions to measure and disclose the emissions of lending portfolios.
- 9.4 As part of the United Kingdom's £2 billion investment to boost active transportation during the pandemic, the government is offering £50 "fix your bike" vouchers to help residents complete standard bicycle servicing and purchase replacement components.

10. Conclusions

- 10.1 The economy is experiencing increasing volatility with uncertainty around the spread of COVID-19. Economic conditions are changing on a daily basis as policy makers continue to navigate this uncharted territory.
- 10.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer

**APPROVED AT REGIONAL COUNCIL
July 23, 2020**

8.5 Motion Regarding National Urban Cycling Infrastructure Stimulus Fund as Part of a COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package and the National Active Transportation Strategy

Resolution Number 2020-629

Moved by Councillor Santos

Seconded by Councillor Fonseca

That the Regional Chair send a letter, on behalf of Regional Council, to the Federal Government supporting the creation of a national urban cycling infrastructure fund of at least \$265 million as part of a COVID-19 economic stimulus package to be distributed over the next two years to Canadian cities;

And further, that Regional Council support the Federal Government's recent announcement to establish a national transportation strategy, and advocate for the inclusion of longer-term sustainable funding to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs;

And further, that copies of the Regional Chair's letter be sent to the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, the Town of Caledon and neighbouring Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton municipalities as an encouragement towards collaborative advocacy to the Federal Government for a national urban cycling infrastructure stimulus fund.

Carried

August 5, 2020

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Subject: National Active Transportation Strategy and COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package

Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing on behalf of Peel Regional Council to inform you of a motion (appended to this letter), that was recently endorsed by Regional Council. The motion pertains to the National Active Transportation Strategy and the proposed creation of a national cycling infrastructure stimulus fund as part of a COVID-19 economic stimulus package.

I would like to acknowledge the Federal Government's recent announcement to establish a National Active Transportation Strategy. The Region of Peel supports this initiative and encourages the inclusion of long-term sustainable funding to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs. As the development of this strategy moves forward, I would like to request that the Federal Government include a national cycling infrastructure fund of at least \$265 million to be distributed to Canadian municipalities over the next two years. Stimulus funding will not only help Canada's economy recover from the impact of COVID-19, it also presents an opportunity to advance the delivery of necessary active transportation infrastructure to support future population and employment growth.

The Region of Peel's Community for Life 20-year vision came from citizen feedback and reflects their priorities and hopes for life in Peel. With respect to transportation, Peel's Community for Life vision states that communities will be integrated, safe and complete and by 2035, communities will be environmentally friendly, promote mobility, walkability, and various modes of transportation, and the built environment will promote healthy living.

Peel Region's proposed active transportation network to 2041 is expected to cost \$207 million to implement, and funding through an economic stimulus package would accelerate the Region's implementation of this network.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to working with you closely on the development of the National Active Transportation Strategy and the inclusion of a national cycling infrastructure stimulus fund.

Kindest personal regards,



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ONTARIO REGULATION

made under the

PLANNING ACT

ZONING ORDER – TOWN OF AJAX, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

Definitions

1. In this Order,

“accessory” means a use, building or structure that is normally incidental or subordinate to a principal use, building or structure located on the same lot, including but not limited to,

- (a) activity rooms,
- (b) administrative offices,
- (c) coffee shops and restaurants used in conjunction with the other uses on the lot,
- (d) dining facilities,
- (e) doctors’ offices,
- (f) nursing stations,
- (g) personal service shops,
- (h) recreation facilities, and
- (i) retail shops;

“long-term care home” has the same meaning as in the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*;

“retirement home” has the same meaning as in the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*;

“zoning by-law” means the Town of Ajax Comprehensive Zoning By-law, 95-2003, as amended.

Application

2. This Order applies to lands in the Town of Ajax, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, being the lands outlined in red on a map numbered 240 and filed at the Toronto office of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing located at 777 Bay Street.

Permitted uses

3. Every use of land and every erection, location or use of any building or structure is prohibited on the lands described in section 2, except,

- (a) a 192-bed capacity long-term care home and accessory uses; and
- (b) a 320-unit retirement home and accessory uses.

Zoning requirements

4. The zoning requirements for the lands set out in section 2 are as follows:

- 1. The long-term care home and retirement home referred to in section 3 shall meet the zone standards set out in subsection 6.5.2, I-A Institutional – A, of the zoning by-law.
- 2. Despite paragraph 1, a minimum 30-metre building setback is required from a railway right-of-way.
- 3. The minimum required parking spaces at the long-term care home is one parking space per three beds in the long-term care home.
- 4. The minimum required parking spaces at the retirement home is 0.5 parking spaces per unit for residents plus 0.25 parking spaces per unit reserved for visitors.
- 5. In addition to the minimum required parking spaces set out in paragraphs 3 and 4, parking shall be provided for persons with disabilities in accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.
- 6. A minimum of two loading spaces shall be provided.
- 7. The minimum building height is two storeys.
- 8. The maximum building height is 12 storeys.
- 9. The minimum landscaped open space is 25 per cent.

Terms of use

5. (1) Every use of land and every erection, location or use of any building or structure shall be in accordance with this Order.

(2) Nothing in this Order prevents the use of any land, building or structure for any use prohibited by this Order if the land, building or structure was lawfully so used on the day this Order comes into force.

(3) Nothing in this Order prevents the reconstruction of any building or structure that is damaged or destroyed by causes beyond the control of the owner if the dimensions of the original building or structure are not increased and its original use is not altered.

(4) Nothing in this Order prevents the strengthening or restoration to a safe condition of any building or structure.


Deemed by-law

6. This Order is deemed for all purposes, except the purposes of section 24 of the Act, to be and to always have been a by-law passed by the council of the Town of Ajax.

Commencement

7. **This Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.**

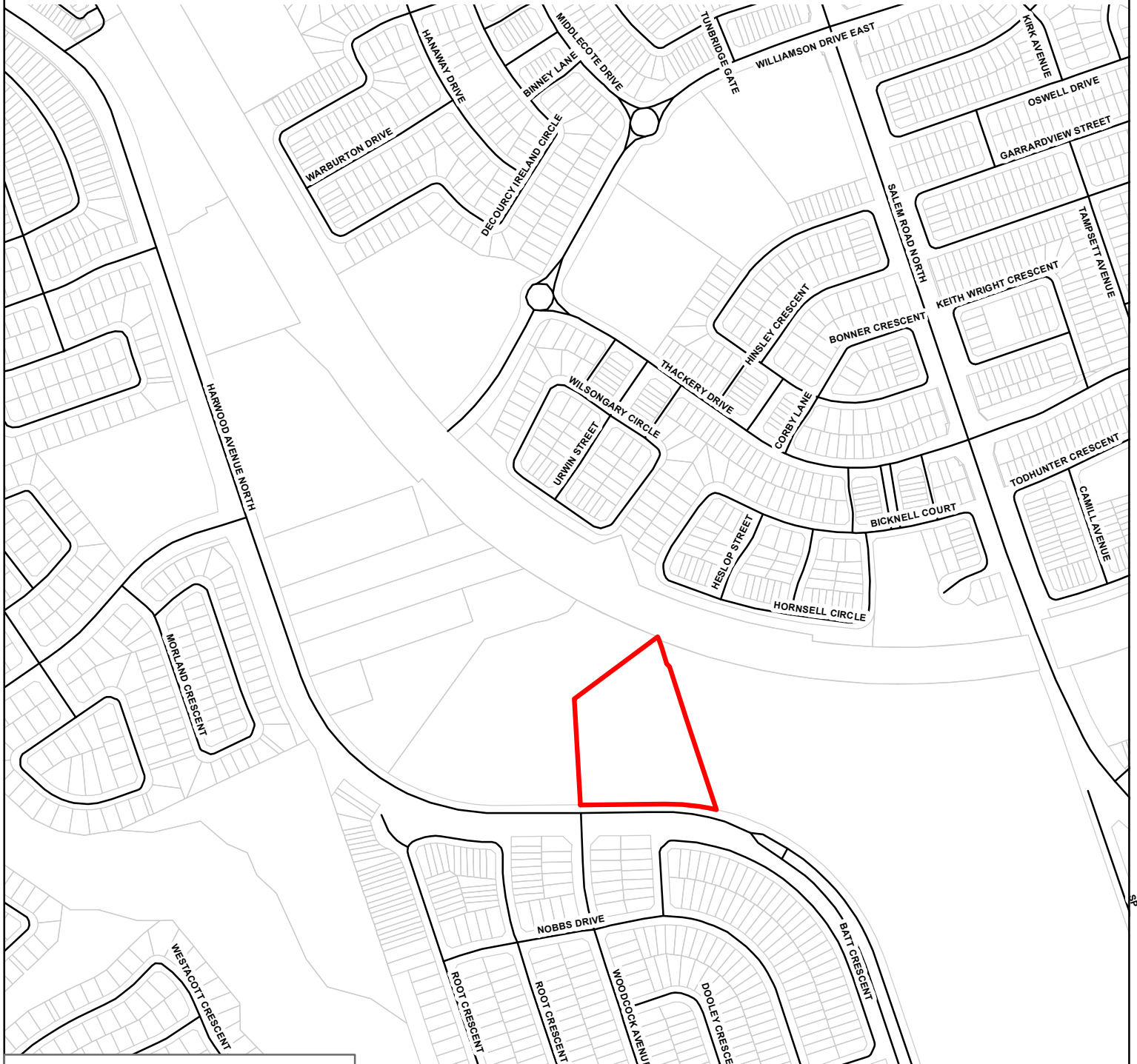
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Signature (in blue ink)

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Date made: July 30/20 20

Part of Lot 8, Concession 3 Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham



MAP No. 240

Map filed at the office of the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 777 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario,




Planning Act

Ontario Regulation: 438/20

Date: July 31, 2020

Original Signed By: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

LEGEND

-  Lands Subject to Zoning Order
-  Roads
-  Assessment Parcel

